

WHY PEER EDUCATORS?

Research shows that peers, when presented with factual information, listen more and learn from each other better when talking about sensitive issues such as HIV/AIDS prevention.

WHAT WILL THE TRAINING PROVIDE?

- The Office of Public Instruction provides medically-accurate information on HIV/AIDS transmission through a grant with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Age-appropriate teaching strategies and lessons to use with grade K-12 students.
- Peer educators will gain confidence for presenting on issues regarding sexuality, unintended pregnancy, and infection with STDs, including HIV.

WHAT COMPONENTS WILL PEER EDUCATORS RECEIVE TRAINING?

- Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey data
- HIV/AIDS "101"
- STD information
- Refusal skills
- Decision making skills
- Abstinence efforts
- Policy for infected students
- Acceptance of HIV-infected individuals
- Perception of risk for unintended pregnancy and infection with STDs, including HIV
- Presentations custom-designed and respectful of community values
- Skills-practice with lessons and teaching strategies

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING COSTS?

- The training is **FREE**
- Lodging for five teams will be provided by the OPI. Each team is to have an advisor and three to four high school students
- Meals and mileage will be reimbursed at the state rate (one vehicle/site)



How Do I REGISTER?

Contact **Susan Court**, HIV/AIDS Education specialist at the OPI, at scourt@mt.gov or 406-444-3178.

Registration deadline is
August 26.

Provide the following information:

- Name and number of students
- Advisor's name
- School name
- Your contact information (e-mail and phone)



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